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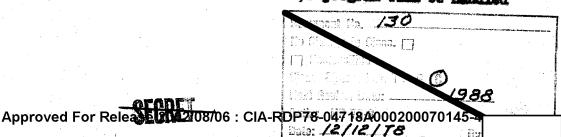
SUBJECT

: Training Support Services Personnel in Cable Writing Techniques

1. The following is a status report regarding the matter of a special program for training Support services personnel in cable writing techniques.

Cable Secretary, and Chief, Signal Center, for the purpose of ascertaining common deficiencies and errors in cables prepared within the Support services so that training provided would be of maximum effectiveness. Expressed the opinion that the cables originated within the Support services are rather uniformly of high quality and that only very rarely do they receive a cable which evidences poor draftmanship. It seems from this that we have little or no need to teach Support services personnel how to compose economical cable massages.

- 3. Considering the entire matter of efficiency in cable communications, there are two other areas where additional skill and understanding seem desirable. These are: first, when to use cable communication as distinguished from other methods, and second, the matter of curtailing the number of cable addressees by effecting distribution of messages to "Information Only" addressees by methods other than cable. With regard to the former, the governing rule will always be the matter of the time deadline for delivery of the message. With regard to the latter, there is a whole complex of factors having to do with the capabilities, limitations, standard techniques and methodologies of electronic communication. Since these latter factors are hardly known by most persons who must originate, coordinate or release cables, they can hardly apply good judgment in particular cases.
- 4. I have not been able to be in touch with the OTR instructor who is putting together the 32 hours for the DD/P since he has been ill for several days. I have learned that the DD/P program will be handled



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comparable to that of  If we can rely or  give instruction in cable drafting services personnel undertaking this by reading once more the	in the Clandestine Services.  we have no real need to ag but we could require that Support  training prepare for the undertaking  This would ser  lpating to formulate questions which	25X1A9A 25X1A9A
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